

**NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016  
EDA BOARDROOM, 2:00 P.M.  
36 WEST STATE STREET  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**

**REVISED MINUTES**

**Notice of Public Meeting:** Read by **Chair** Designee Maureen Hassett: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, at least 48 hours' notice of this meeting was sent by way of the Secretary of State to the following newspapers: The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Trentonian, The Courier Post, The Atlantic City Press, The Asbury Park Press, The Bergen Record, and The Home News

**The following recusal process will be followed at all UEZ Board meetings:**

- 1) To the extent feasible, meeting materials involving a matter from which a Board member must recuse himself or herself will not be distributed to the Board member.**
- 2) At the subject Board meeting, the Board member must place his or her recusal and the reason therefor on the record prior to any discussion of the matter and shall not participate in any discussion or comment leading up to the vote nor shall the member participate in the vote. The recusal shall be noted in the minutes of the Board meeting.**
- 3) In the event the matter in question shall be discussed at any non-public portion or executory session of the meeting, the Board member shall leave the meeting room and not return until the meeting has returned to public session.**

**Roll Call:** Maureen Hassett, Chair Designee, Sean Thompson, DCA Designee, Roger Cohen, Treasury Designee, Patricia Roach of the Division of Law and Public Safety, and Amy Herbold, Governor's Authorities Unit participated in person while; John Raue, Labor Designee, Lewis Hurd, Eric Jaso, and Taneshia Nash-Laird Public Members all participated via teleconference.

**Approval of October 14, 2015 UEZ Authority Meeting minutes: MOTION TO**

**APPROVE:** Sean Thompson    **SECOND:** Roger Cohen    **AYES:** 7

**NAYS:** 0    **RECUSALS:** 0    **ABSENTIONS:** 0

Motion Carried with a (7/0/0/0/7) vote

**AUTHORITY DISCUSSION:** NONE

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**New Business:**

**PROJECT:** Approval of 2015, 2016 & 2017 UEZ Audit Proposal - Mercadien

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Taneshia Nash-Laird **SECOND:** Eric Jaso

**AYES:** 7 **NAYS:** 0 **RECUSALS:** 0 **ABSENTIONS:** 0

Motion Carried with a (7/0/0/0/7) vote

**AUTHORITY DISCUSSION:** Maureen Hassett wanted to clarify that the Board would be approving the proposal selection of the Audit Committee. She wanted to confirm the Audit Committee met and voted on the Audit Proposal. Patricia Roach confirmed that was correct. Ms. Roach also noted this was a three year contract and the Board will not be revisiting this for another three years.

**PROJECT:** Resolution approving Six-Month Extensions to Meet the Employment Requirement on Renewals of Recertifications

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Eric Jaso **SECOND:** Lewis Hurd **AYES:** 7

**NAYS:** 0 **RECUSALS:** 0 **ABSENTIONS:** 0

Motion Carried with a (7/0/0/0/7) vote

**AUTHORITY DISCUSSION:** Chair Designee Hassett asked Joseph Cirafigi, of the Urban Enterprise Zone Staff, to explain the resolution. Mr. Cirafigi explained how when a UEZ Business reapplies to the Program and cannot meet their employment requirement they may be afforded a six-month extension to comply but if the business fails to be in full tax compliance they are currently given a 90-Day Conditional approval. Currently the 90 day process is not enough time for the Division of Taxation to clear a business of their tax issues, so we are requesting, along with Taxation, to extend it to six months. Taxation has indicated that this would enhance their collections efforts. Roger Cohen asked if this involved income tax or local property tax. Mr. Cirafigi responded it involved all taxes tracked by Taxation Data Warehouse. Ms. Hassett asked how the new process would be handled. DAG Roach responded that it would be handled by updating the current letters and the affected businesses will be informed going forward.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OTHER**

NONE

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2:18pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Sean Thompson **SECOND:** Roger Cohen

**AYES:** 7 **NAYS:** 0 **RECUSALS:** 0 **ABSENTIONS:** 0

Motion carried with a (7/0/0/0/7) vote

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I, Lisa Migliaccio taken at the April 13, 2016  
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting